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Mr Robert S. McNamara
President
International Bank for Reconstruction and
Development (World Bank)
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Dear Mr McNamara,

I spoke recently with Professor Joshua Lederberg in New York about our Pugwash activities. He suggested that I contact you about a possible meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest. I should like very much the opportunity of such a meeting. I live in Geneva where our Executive Office is located. Our Central Office is in London, and periodically I come to the states. Frequently, Bernard T. Feld, Professor of Physics at MIT who is Chairman of our Executive Board and editor of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, travels to Washington. Either one of us would be glad to meet with you at a time and place of your convenience.

I am enclosing a brochure about Pugwash for your further information.

We met briefly some years ago in Stockholm, which you may not recall, when I was in charge of medical research in WHO and science adviser to Dr Candau. I hope I shall have the opportunity of meeting you again in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

M.M. Kaplan Director-General

cc: Prof. Lederberg
Prof. Feld